Permission for study during service period

2509. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is mandatory for Government servants to take permission of the competent authority before taking admission in various regular courses/programmes during the service period;

(b) if so, the details of orders in this regard; and

(c) whether it is not mandatory to take permission in case of Government servant taking admission in various correspondence/distance education courses in which no regular classes is involved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) to (c) As per the existing instructions, ordinarily there can be no objection to the pursuit of knowledge by Government servants in their leisure hours. But this must be subject to the condition that such pursuit does in no way detract from their efficiency. Wherever found necessary, the administrative authorities may require that Government servants under their control should take prior permission before joining educational institutions or courses of studies for University Degrees.

Corruption cases

†2510. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 3797 given in the Rajya Sabha on 28th April, 2005 and State:

(a) the number of cases of exposing corruption have been received by Central Bureau of Investigation during the year 2005;

(b) the number of them have been investigated and whether any protection has been provided to the exposes of these cases;

(c) the details thereof, department-wise; and

(d) the details of the action taken till date to pass and implement the Public Interest Disclosures (Protection of Informer Bill, 2002)?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) and (b) As per the information provided by the CBI, nine (9) references

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

were received by them from the CVC in the year 2005 (from 1.1.2005 to 14.12.2005) under Public Interest Disclosure Resolution. Out of them, five cases have been disposed of by the CBI. Protection is provided to the whistle blowers as per provisions of the Resolution. Under the Resolution the identity of the complainant is kept secret.

(c) Complaints have been received under the Resolution pertaining to Ministery of Railways-1 case, Ministry of Health-2 cases, Ministry of Finance-2 cases, Department of Telecom-2 cases Ministry of Steel-1 case and Ministry of Defence-1 case.

(d) The Government has already issued Whistle Blower (Public Interest Disclosure) Resolution in 2004 itself. Whistle Blower Bill is persently under consideration of Group of Ministers.

Functioning of CBI

2511. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has autonomy in its functioning;

(b) if so, whether is it proposed to provide more representation from Government in the Committee to select top CBI officials;

(c) whether Government has refused promotion for CBI Officials inspite of recommendation from Central Vigilance Commission; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) CBI has been given functional autonomy in accordance with the Delhi Special Police Establishment Act, 1946, as amended by the Central Vigilance Commission Act, 2003.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) The Central Vigilance Commission does not recommend promotion of the CBI officials. Promotion is done on the basis of recommendation of the DPC prescribed in the relevant Recruitment Rules.